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## LAST VOWS

On February 2, the following pronounced their Last Vows: Father Fagotthey, Fathers Marine and Rice, Brother George Laird.

## JUBILEE OF FATHER DILLON

Father Francis Dillon celebrated his Golden Jubilee as a Jesuit on January 8th. Very Reverend Father Provincial telegraphed Golden Jubilee Congratulations from California to its former Provincial.

## ALMA

The Ordinandi have again asked that Father Malaise give them their ordination retreat in Holy Week. Last year this was found an ideal time, as the exercises agree so closely with the sacred events of those days.

Fathers Corkery, Leo Robinson and Duce visited Alma during the Santa Clara meeting of Catholic Colleges.

On January 4 Father Amy of JESUIT MISSIONS gave a talk on the work of the magazine.

During the January cold spell, north winds spread thin ice on the ponds and many water pipes were burst.

On January 12 Father Provincial gave an enthusiastic talk about our men and their work in China.

## LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Father Riordan is in the hospital. When he did not come to breakfast on January 14, Father Rector went looking for him. He was found on the floor in a weak condition. Due to a slight stroke he had fallen the night before and had bruised his head against the wash basin, and had been unable to rise. On January 17 he took a turn for the worse, being threatened with pneumonia.

Fathers Heney, Acquistapace and Connolly have been in bed with the flu. Mr. Carr was a week in the hospital for the same cause.

Father Spearman received many

favorable comments for his radio broadcast on Bible Manuscripts.

The Loyola Mothers' Guild gave the University a check for \$800.

A deep well test made by the Superior Oil Co. on adjacent property seems to have been futile. A depth of 10,000 feet was reached before the drilling stopped.

A radio debate on a state wide hook-up was held between Loyola's Senate and St. Mary's, on Coeducation, Loyola maintaining it was not to the best interests of the students.

The Cafeteria has been entirely renovated and is in a very agreeable contrast to its former condition. Three offices for student body activities have been built into the original building.

## LOYOLA HIGH

Mr. Carl Schmidt did not need to return to Monrovia.

Br. Danahy had to return to the hospital.

Both high school and university received more calls for Christmas work than they could handle.

At the reception given to the new Archbishop of Los Angeles, Joe Scott praised the Jesuit Saints. Archbishop McNicholas in his sermon at the Cathedral mentioned every small and large organization in the diocese, except the Sodality and the League of the Sacred Heart. These two very active organizations were passed over in silence.

Father Lynch was called from tertianship to his father's bedside. Mr. Lynch was anointed before Father came, and was unconscious. Father Lynch has been assigned to work at Eugene during Lent, if he can take the call.

As a result of a questionnaire for the Seniors, 94% are planning to go to college, 84% to Catholic colleges.

Los Angeles year-end retreats: Mercy Sisters, Father Whelan; Presentation, Father Madden; Notre Dame, Father Flynn.

Many of the students have been home.

with the flu; 100 were out of classes in one week.

Friends sent about \$3000 as a Christmas present. The managers of Kress and another company supplied the Christmas dinner. The High School was host to the University at Christmas.

The annual diocesan Apologetical Contest will be conducted under the auspices of Loyola High. Separate contests will be held for boys and for girls.

According to advance reports next year Loyola could have an enrollment of 800. The Midgets have been playing the Catholic Grammar Schools and have heard that Loyola ranks highest with them. The tuition charge of \$10 against \$4 for Cathedral, Mt. Carmel and St. Agnes deters many. Money is the obstacle, not distance. Our boys come great distances. The parishes pay for many boys in the three other Catholic High Schools.

### LOS GATOS

Father Provincial spoke on his various experiences with Chinese life and customs, and expressed great admiration of the zeal and work of Ours.

On January 4 Father Amy gave an interesting talk on his experiences as business manager of JESUIT MISSIONS. He instituted a subscription campaign, such as has been most successful at the eastern houses.

St. Ignatius Chapel has been renovated and beautified. The old altar has been replaced by the one from the chapel at Guadalupe, which used to be the main altar in the domestic chapel. Br. Julian has constructed a beautiful, liturgical tabernacle for it.

The new statues of St. John Berchmans and St. Aloysius will shortly be placed on pedestals on either side of the main altar in the domestic chapel.

The new workmen's house, under construction for several months, is finished. The new building, largely the work of Br. Deutsch, takes the place of the old Mexican House and the former Hughes dwelling. It has steam heat in its 20 living rooms, hot showers, and will shortly have a garage for the workmen's machines.

From 30 to 40 acres of old vines have been torn out, including a large part of the vineyard behind the garage and in the St. Stanislaus Canon.

The surveying of the Novitiate and Guadalupe property is nearing completion. A group of Juniors under the direction of Bro. Fitzgerald have been plotting out the vineyards to make a map of all the Novitiate property.

Recently while reworking an aban-

doned spring behind the garage the Juniors broke into an old tunnel which runs into the hill some 150 feet. It is thought that the spring was first developed by Wilcox who formerly owned the property.

### SAN FRANCISCO

Mr. Martin, grandson of Mrs. Eleanor Martin, a former benefactress, presented the University library with a gift of over 600 volumes.

George Whelan of St. Ignatius High won the prize in oratory by defeating 15 high schools in the semiannual All-State Forensic Tournament. His subject was "Louis Pasteur." St. Ignatius also won the fourth place.

Father Malaise's "Imitation of Christ" will soon be off the press. It has been selected by AMERICA as its Book of the Month.

Father Edward Whelan gave the annual retreat for the University, January 26-28.

Mr. Fred Fox, who for 30 years has been in charge of the door at night, died in January. He was a most faithful and trusty man. He was buried from Star of Sea.

Hon. C. Harold Caulfield, an alumnus, has been appointed for his third successive term as President of the Board of Public School Education.

The recent epidemic of flu caused numerous absences.

Father Jon Svensson, the Father Finn of Germany, a native of Iceland, and a member of the Province of Lower Germany, has been a guest for a month. He is on a tour of the world. His books on boys are numerous and are translated into several languages.

A committee from Washington, D. C., making a comparative study of secondary school standards, has just finished their inspection of St. Ignatius. Their conclusions and recommendations will be received later.

The third annual spring series of lectures for the public will deal with Communism, Fascism, the Spanish and Mexican situation. Fathers Feeley and Dunne conduct the lectures before an average attendance of 600. There will be an open forum after each lecture.

### SANTA CLARA

On January 11, the clerical and lay faculty, the athletic board and the coaching staff attended a dinner in the Fathers' dining room.

During the week of January 10 a slight epidemic of the flu broke out. About 18 students had to go to the infirmary.



Under Father Gilbert's care several arbors have been erected. A rock garden has been completed and adorned with many species of cacti. Several Irish yew trees have been transplanted to the inner gardens. A rose garden is being put in by the side of the Mission Church.

The Redwood, a traditional yearbook at Santa Clara, will make its appearance after a lapse of 4 years.

Work on the drill field and R. O. T. C. equipment sheds will be completed by February. Major Barco says that the officers of the Ninth Corps have commented favorably on the Santa Clara unit.

The spring semester started January 25.

Brother Lynch is ill in the infirmary.

Father Rector was celebrant at the Golden Jubilee Mass of Mother Augustine, Prioress of the Santa Clara Carmelites. Father Gleeson gave the address.

A 2-day convention of 18 western Catholic Colleges was held in the Adobe Lodge during the Christmas holidays. Discussions on the formation of a western division of the National Educational Catholic Association formed the major portion of the meetings.

Pictures of the much publicized Sugar Bowl game were shown to several hundreds of the Broncho followers in the "ship." The trophy for the victory arrived in January. It is a large silver cup adorned with much filigree work and is said to be of ancient origin. Besides the victor's name, it bears some undecipherable scroll-work, which has much interested the faculty.

### BELLARMINE PREP

Father Gleeson brought a beautiful chalice which he had obtained for Bellarmine from the estate of the late Mrs. Margaret Ford, sister of Father Cornelius Buckley.

In the parade welcoming the Broncos from the Sugar Bowl the Bellarmine students had a float honoring their alumnus, Nello Falaschi. About a week later through arrangements made by Father Fox, the California Theatre, San Jose, was host to the squad. The high lights of the game were shown to a packed house; then the student body president of Bellarmine stepped into the spotlight to present Falaschi with a wallet and a gift of cash.

Mr. Lenahan has taken over the coaching of the 130 basketball team.

Father Lorgan gave a very informative talk on Communism with emphasis on its effects in Spain, to 200 in the parish hall of St. Mary's.

During the flu about 10 were out for a few days.

### CHINA

Father Provincial took with him to China \$150 from the Stamp Bureau, an extra gift on the part of Mt. St. Michael's Mission Bureau for China. Another \$150 was sent about the same time to Alaska.

Father Provincial was able on January 7 to wish a bon voyage to Archbishop Mitty as His Excellency left for Manila on the Tatsuta Maru which had brought Father Provincial from China.

On November 17 Father E. Whelan sent a letter via the Clipper to China. Father Provincial received this letter in San Jose on January 13. A letter was sent by ordinary mail from Spokane on November 22 to China. It was received in San Jose on January 14.

Father Kearney received his cadastry measure about the second week of December, and prepared at once to open the bids for the new building. Next day General Chiang Kai-sek was captured and things looked bad in Nanking. Superiors advised him to wait.

Father Lipman signs himself in Chinese "Mung." It is very cold in Anking where he and the Scholastics are dressed as Alaskan missionaries rather than Chinese. Father Lipman was supposed to have given the renovation triduum to the English speaking Scholastics at Anking, he was hindered by a slight attack of sickness. The Infirmary has a sure cure and had Father back on his feet in two days.

China is a long way off. Archbishop Cantwell sent a telegram from Los Angeles to Father Provincial in Shanghai. Counting the address, etc., it had 31 words and cost the Archbishop \$34.10. He was asking permission for Father Stack to go to the Congress at Manila. "Spanish traditions demand large representative group from this diocese at Manila Congress. . . . Is permission granted?"

Father Provincial sent a telegram from Nanking to Rome. It cost \$79.00.

Father Lennon is in charge of Sacred Heart Parish, in Hongkew, a district of Shanghai. In this district there are 8000 actively practicing Christians of many races and nationalities. Among them 36 languages are spoken; Chinese and English are the most prevalent. In St. Francis Xavier's High School for boys, taught by the Xaverian Brothers, there are 3000 boys, of whom 1400 are Chinese and 1600 foreigners. There also are numerous Catholic Grade Schools in the parish.

China has suffered heavily from Spain's disaster. In one Spanish seminary 80 young men intended for China were all murdered. The Toledo diocese has lost 85% of its priests by murder.

### VARIA

The parish school at Phoenix is still progressing. It was necessary to add another B. V. M. Sister for the second term.

Fr. William Boland was taken to Providence Hospital in January.

Fr. McCummiskey acted as chaplain at Providence in January.

Father Stack sailed on the Tatsuta Maru with Archbishop Mitty to attend the Eucharistic Congress at Manila.

Father William Kane came from Chicago to Santa Barbara. While coming for his health, he insists that he is not a sick man.

How to make meum tuum was demonstrated during the Christmas season. A man inquired at the door at St. Joseph's, San Jose, after a gentleman in a gray suit. Meanwhile someone smashed the iron safe at the crib in the church, and pried open another box for the contents. The thieves made 25 cents apiece. A woman talked to the pastor at St. Mary's in San Jose. Later when a man took his son to the crib, and the boy dropped a coin in the slot, the money rolled on the floor. Raising the screen, the man found the coins on the floor and a smashed box.

In the latter part of January there was plenty of ice and snow on the Mount. Skating was hindered by frequent falls of snow on the courts. With classes suspended, there were always some out skiing and tobogganing. The flu epidemic is on the wane; at one time there were as many as 60 to be fed, bathed, and cared for in every way. Since the Brothers were also laid up, the Scholastics generously did the nursing and the scullery work.

On December 18 Father Hubbard lectured before the Cadets at West Point for the fourth consecutive year. The senior Cadet in presenting Father, said that the Corps considers the Hubbard Lecture the outstanding one of each year. Father Hubbard took Father Al Whelan with him. They were allowed the privilege of being the only outsiders to dine in the mess hall with the 1600 Cadets.

Since October, 1936, up to Christmas, Father Hubbard has lectured to 88,000 people, averaging better than one lecture a day.

A January letter from Rome states that the Holy Father's condition goes from bad to worse. His doctor is said to have given him a month to live. He is suffering frightfully, but heroically offering it all for the Church in Spain.

### RETREAT COMMENT

A Passionist gave the Community year-end retreat. It was inspiring, but I prefer the Jesuit sequence, and I know I will not be disappointed.

### MINISTERIA

In the Ministeria for 1936 some interesting facts appear. Communions at St. Ignatius were 145,000 for the year. Of these there were 3000 each First Friday, 5500 at Easter, 5000 at Christmas.

During the year there were 240 converts in the Province, 133 of these in San Francisco: at S. F. Hospital 96, at St. Mary's Hospital 12, at the Residence 19.

The S. F. Fathers heard 113,380 confessions.

Arranging the parishes in catalogue order: Bl. Sacrament, Phoenix, St. Joseph's, H. Family, St. Mary's, Sta. Barbara, Sta. Clara, the following figures appear:

#### Infants Baptised:

63, 17, 90, 112, 16, 104, 104

#### Marriages:

58, 27, 62, 62, 8, 34, 52

#### Confessions (1000)

41, 5, 36, 10, 15, 13, 30

#### Communions (1000)

97, 10, 48, 36, 25, 20, 43

The Last Sacraments were given to 2374; of these 1548 in S. F. Hospital, 195 St. Mary's Hospital; 143 in San Jose; 194 in Los Angeles; 36 in Sta. Barbara; 75 in Sta. Clara; 27 in Phoenix.

### DEATHS IN THE ASSISTANCY

Dec. 28, Br. Rudolph Kiel, Buffalo.

Dec. 31, Br. Henry Wilhelm, P. Townsend.

Jan. 1, Br. Pat. O'Brien, Spokane.

Jan. 11, Br. Mich. McDermott, Yakima.

Jan. 13, Br. David Roche, Wash.

Jan. 23, Fr. Jos. Riordan, Los Ang.

### DEATHS OF RELATIVES

Mother of Bro. Desjardins.

Mother of Mr. Benecke.

Exivit Richard Nasser.